

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE
CRIME VICTIMS COMMITTEE
OF THE
ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
AND
AGENDA**

Pursuant to A.R.S § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Crime Victims Committee** of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and to the general public that the **Crime Victims Committee** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Thursday, November 15, 2007** beginning at **11:00 am** at the **Carefree Resort & Villas, 37220 Mule Train Road, Saguro I Ballroom, Carefree, Arizona 85377.**

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Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. Call to Order and Roll Call **Chairperson Linda Scott**

Crime Victims Committee Members:

Linda Scott, Chairperson
Duane Belcher
Tony Estrada
Terry Goddard
Barbara LaWall
Dora Schriro
Andrew Thomas

II. Minutes of the September 20, 2007 Meeting

- Approval of Minutes **P-F-T**

III. Victim Services Program Funding **Tony Vidale**

- Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on the allocation of resources for the Victim Services Program. **P-F-T**

IV. Call to the Public

Those wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

V. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- The next Crime Victims Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 12:30 pm** at 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

VI. Adjournment

A copy of the agenda background material provided to Committee members is available for public inspection at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 West Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, (602) 364-1146. This document is available in alternative formats by contacting the Commission Office.

**CRIME VICTIMS COMMITTEE
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Request for Committee Action

Action Requested:	Type of Action Requested:	Subject:
November 15, 2007	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal Action/Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Minutes of the September 20, 2007 Meeting

TO: Chairperson and Committee Members

FROM: Tony Vidale, Program Manager
Crime Victim Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee approve the minutes of the Crime Victims Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2007.

DISCUSSION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Approve - Modify - Table

**Crime Victims Committee
Minutes
September 20, 2007**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on September 20, 2007 at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Members Present:

Linda Scott, Chairperson, Former Judge
Duane Belcher, Chairperson, Board of Executive Clemency, Erin Warzecha representing
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, Kent Burbank representing by conference call
Dora Schriro, Department of Corrections, John Hallahan representing
Andrew Thomas, Maricopa County Attorney, Mark Faull representing

Members Absent:

Tony Estrada, Santa Cruz County Sheriff
Terry Goddard, Arizona Attorney General

Staff Participating:

Karen Ziegler, Deputy Director
Wendy Boyle, Executive Secretary

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Scott at 12:45 pm. Roll was taken and a quorum was declared present.

II. Minutes of the May 24, 2007 Meeting

Chairperson Linda Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2007 meeting. Designee Mark Faull motioned to accept the minutes as presented. The motion seconded by Designee John Hallahan passed unanimously.

III. Federal VOCA Compensation

A. *FY08 VOCA Compensation allocation formula*

Karen Ziegler, Deputy Director presented the formula for distribution of federal 2007 VOCA funds. The formula provides the following: 1.) 5% of the federal VOCA awards for administering costs; 2.) 60% match for operational units expending private funds that compensate victims and; 3.) base allotment of \$1,100 to all operational units with the balance of the funds distributed by population.

Designee John Hallahan motioned to recommend to the Commission the approval of the FY08 VOCA compensation allocation formula to be used in the distribution of the FFY 2007 federal VOCA funds to the fifteen operation units. The motion seconded by Designee Erin Warzecha passed unanimously.

B. *FY08 VOCA Compensation allocation*

Karen Ziegler, Deputy Director presented the distribution of the FFY 2007 compensation funds to the operational units. Ms. Ziegler reported the FFY 2007 award of \$1,197,000 to Arizona which represents the distribution of VOCA funds to the operational units shown on the page 9 of the agenda. The chart also shows 5% administrative funds, 60% matching for the use of private funds to compensate crime victims, and the balance distributed by a base amount and population formula.

Designee Mark Faull motioned to recommend to the Commission the approval of the FY08 VOCA compensation allocation to be used in the distribution of FFY 2007 federal VOCA compensation funds. The motion seconded by Designee John Hallahan passed unanimously.

IV. Call to the Public

Chairperson Scott made a call to the public. No members of the public addressed the Committee.

V. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next Crime Victims Committee Meeting will be held at the call of the Chairperson.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A. Blackburn, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

John A. Blackburn, Jr.
Executive Director

Audio recording is available upon request.



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Request for Committee Action

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November 15, 2007	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal Action/Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Victim Services Program Funding

TO: Chairperson and Committee Members

FROM: Tony Vidale, Program Manager
Crime Victim Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Crime Victims Committee recommend to the Commission the approval of an appropriate allocation of resources for victim service programs.

DISCUSSION:

See attached.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Significant

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Approve - Modify - Table

Summary of Victim Services Funding

Victim service program funding is allocated between two programs: the Crime Victim Compensation program and the Victim Assistance Grant program. State funding for the Crime Victim Compensation program mainly comes from a 4.6% allocation of the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF). In addition to CJEF, other fund sources traditionally have been dedicated by the Commission to the Crime Victim Compensation Program. These sources are: ADC inmate work fees, unclaimed victim restitution, and AG forfeiture monies. State funding for the Crime Victim Assistance program comes from parole and community supervision fees.

Prior to FY 2000, these programs had separate funds, the Victim Assistance Fund and the Victim Compensation Fund, dedicated to support each program. In FY 2000, however, the Legislature combined the funds as part of an effort to eliminate or consolidate funds as required by statute. Although the Legislature eliminated the distinction between the funds, staff continued to account for both program's revenue and expenditures separately based on traditional ways of allocating funding sources.

In the past fiscal year, the Victim Compensation and Assistance fund has experienced an unusual growth in revenue. This revenue growth is directly attributable to a one-time deposit from the AG's Office of approximately \$2.9 million and a large deposit of \$1.2 million in unclaimed victim restitution monies. With both programs combined, the Victim Compensation and Assistance fund had a FY 2007 ending balance of \$5,817,068. Table 1 on page 8 provides a breakout of revenues and expenditures of the Compensation program from FY 2004 to FY 2009. These figures do not include revenues and expenditures from the annual federal VOCA grant. Table 2 provides a breakout for the Victim Assistance program.

Staff is seeking direction on allocating resources within the victim services program to effectively address the needs of crime victims. Although new Victim Compensation program rules may create an increase in expenditures, it is unlikely expenditures will increase dramatically to effectively spend down the fund balance. In addition, the FY 2008 Victim Compensation program level was increased by \$500,000 and the Victim Assistance grant program was increased to \$1.3 million to provide additional funding for victim service providers. Some possible alternatives to the current allocation policy could be to identify gaps in services or direct funding to underserved populations and dedicate funding to those efforts. Services most often needed include legal advocacy and training/education/prevention and underserved populations include rural areas and elderly victims.

Table 1

Victim Compensation Program						
	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>Projected FY 2008</u>	<u>Projected FY 2009</u>
Beginning Balance	\$2,076,078	\$1,400,269	\$869,927	\$450,414	\$4,723,479	\$4,329,933
CJEF	1,628,533	1,778,035	1,933,558	2,109,359	2,250,686	2,401,482
DOC inmate fees	116,664	129,319	101,183	16,171	16,980	17,829
Unclaimed Restitution	547,274	299,565	128,357	1,250,347	100,000	100,000
AG Transfer	-	-	-	2,875,001	38,788	-
Subtotal	\$2,292,471	\$2,206,919	\$2,163,098	\$6,250,878	\$2,406,454	\$2,519,311
Total Funding Available	\$4,368,549	\$3,607,188	\$3,033,024	\$6,701,292	\$7,129,933	\$6,849,244
Less:						
Expenditures	\$2,968,280	\$2,737,262	\$2,582,610	\$1,977,813	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
Ending Balance	\$1,400,269	\$869,927	\$450,414	\$4,723,479	\$4,329,933	\$4,049,244

Table 2

Victim Assistance Program						
	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>Projected FY 2008</u>	<u>Projected FY 2009</u>
Beginning Balance	\$326,092	\$339,782	\$518,015	\$750,456	\$1,093,589	\$1,094,106
Comm. Supervision Fees	896,700	1,034,368	1,107,477	1,238,588	1,300,517	1,365,543
Total Funding Available	\$1,222,792	\$1,374,150	\$1,625,492	\$1,989,044	\$2,394,106	\$2,459,650
Less:						
Expenditures	\$883,010	\$856,135	\$875,036	\$895,455	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
Ending Balance	\$339,782	\$518,015	\$750,456	\$1,093,589	\$1,094,106	\$1,159,650